

India Philanthropy Forum, New York City The India Philanthropy Forum (IPF) NYC 2025 will take place this September, on the sidelines of UNGA week. Rooted in the ethos, "India for the World, the World for India," IPF NYC 2025 will bring together philanthropists, foundation leaders, social entrepreneurs, academics, NGO heads, and global development experts to reimagine philanthropy for more inclusive and resilient future. The forum seeks to elevate India's growing role as a the forum, you can register your interest by clicking here.

global hub for social innovation, amplify grassroots leadership, and explore how Indian and South Asian diaspora can strengthen community resilience locally while building bridges globally. If you are going to be in New York around that time and are interested in attending

exploring.

Azim Premji University Seeks Sector Leaders to Join as **Faculty** Azim Premji University's School of Continuing Education is looking for experienced practitioners to join as faculty across a range of domains - Gender, Civil Society Management, Access to Justice, Rural Livelihoods, Sustainable Agriculture, and Finance & Compliance. This is a unique opportunity to bring real-world experience into the classroom, shaping future leaders in the development sector while continuing to contribute to systemic change. Positions are based at the Bhopal campus and the upcoming Ranchi campus. To apply, write to <u>facultypositions@apu.edu.in</u>

overhead cost, but as a strategic enabler of long-term impact. Drawing on a decade of data from 11 NGOs, the paper shows how targeted investments in fundraising such as hiring dedicated personnel, improving systems, and strengthening donor engagement can significantly improve financial resilience. NGOs that received such support saw a 2.5x increase in donor base, a 66% growth in grant sizes, and notable improvements in donor retention. To read the white paper, click here.

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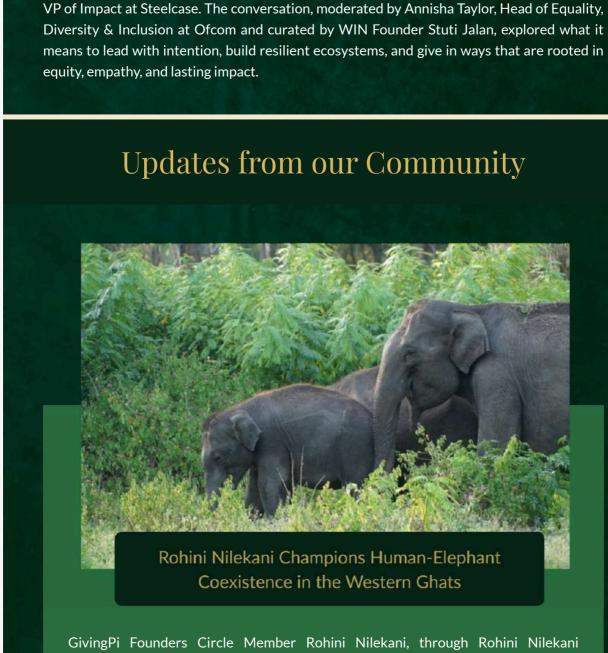
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Philanthropies (RNP), is driving bold, systems-level solutions to one of India's most pressing conservation challenges, human-elephant conflict. In close partnership with WWF - India, RNP has supported a suite of interventions in Tamil Nadu and Kerala that blend grassroots engagement, scientific research, and policy advocacy to foster long-term coexistence between communities and wildlife. In 2022, WWF-India and Project Elephant (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change) launched India's first-ever Human-Wildlife Conflict Manual. With RNP's backing, this critical resource is now being translated and regionally adapted to improve accessibility and implementation on the ground. In Coimbatore, identified as a key conflict hotspot, WWF - India has piloted a data-driven response: from GPScollaring of elephants and introducing non-contact high-voltage detectors to prevent electrocutions, to retrofitting grain storage facilities and preventing damage by elephants and removing invasive lantana to produce green energy briquettes. These efforts are complemented by extensive community sensitization, school-based awareness campaigns, and partnerships with district administrations. Crucially, the program has also influenced policy by working with the State Board for Wildlife to institutionalize long-term conflict mitigation strategies and elephant corridor conservation measures. With plans now underway to expand into Gudalur, Hosur, Dharmapuri, and Wayanad, RNP's work is creating a replicable, inclusive model for coexistence, anchored in empathy, evidence, and systemic change. To learn more, write to Ritika Bhalla Whig at rbhalla@wwfindia.net or check out the

latest WWF - India newsletter here.

The Purpose Playbook: Giving with Intention to Shape Systems

and the power of trust-based philanthropy led by communities.

At the 2025 WIN Lounge in Cannes, GivingPi was part of a powerful panel titled "The Purpose Playbook: Philanthropic Families and the Art of Giving Big", bringing together global voices on how families, institutions, and changemakers are grounding their work in deeper purpose. Representing GivingPi, Geetika Dadlani, Associate Director at Dasra and Head of GivingPi, shared how India's philanthropic families are moving beyond siloed giving to embrace long-term systems change, drawing on learnings from initiatives like the Pride Fund

She was joined by Stacey O. Orsat, President for Europe, South Asia and ANZ at Masimo, who spoke about centering healthcare in dignity and compassion; Michelle Sybil Melendez, Managing Director for Strategic Partnerships at Lever for Change; and Kim Dabbs, Global



GivingPi Member Sanjay Palsamudram, Founder of the Palsamudram Family Trust, has played a pivotal role in launching the Research Science Institute (RSI) India, bringing one of the world's most prestigious STEM research programs to Indian students for the first time. Modelled on the renowned MIT RSI, which has shaped scientific talent globally for over 42 years, RSI India is sponsored by the Adani Group and supported by the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE) and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). In June 2025, the inaugural cohort welcomed 30+ exceptional secondary school students from across India to IISc, where they participated in intensive, hands-on research under leading scientists, attended lectures by global STEM leaders through the Palsamudram Lecture Series, and joined a thriving international alumni network. Fully funded, the program is designed to eliminate financial and geographic barriers, ensuring access is driven by talent, not privilege. Inspired by his daughter's transformative education experience, Sanjay's vision for RSI India is clear, to create a national launchpad for young scientific minds, nurturing brilliance, curiosity, and purpose at scale. To know

more, click

Empowering Rural Mental Health: Dr. Sunita Maheshwari and Dr. Arjun Kalyanpur Support LLL's Groundbreaking Outreach

GivingPi Members Dr. Sunita Maheshwari and Dr. Arjun Kalyanpur, Founders of The



Neha Bagaria's HerShakti Upskills Women Nationwide for Careers in Tech and Beyond

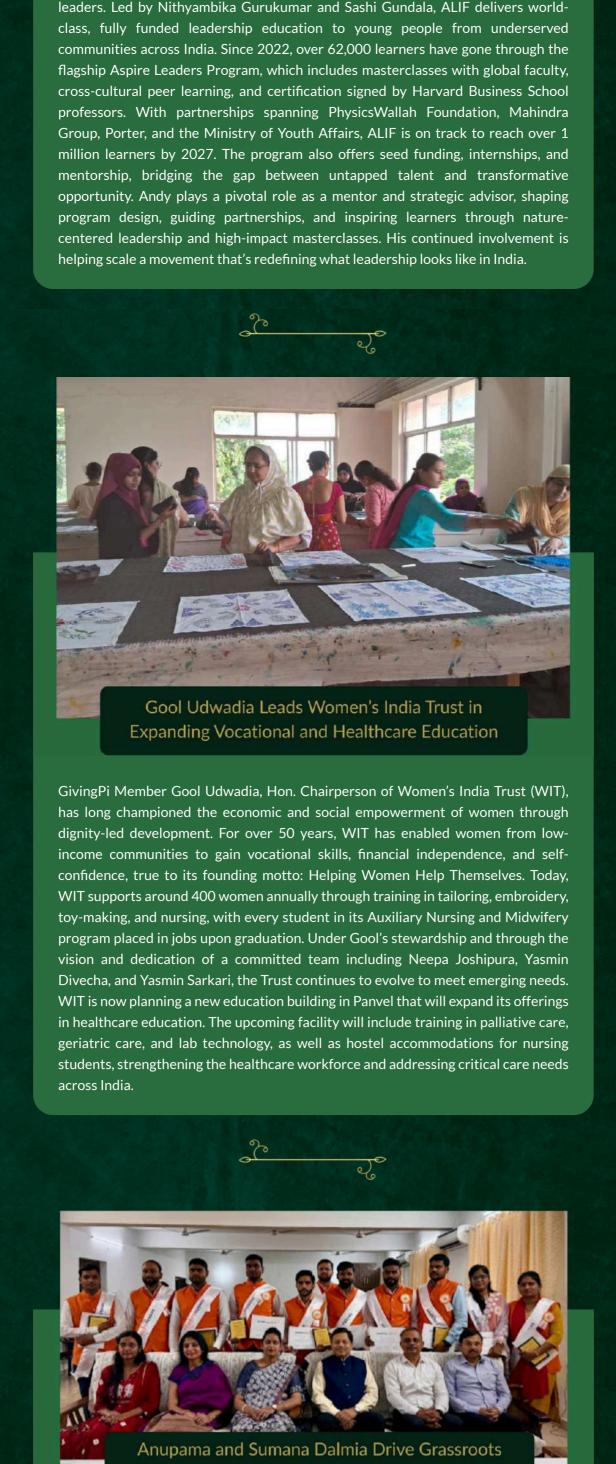
GivingPi Member Neha Bagaria, Founder of HerKey and Managing Trustee of the JobsForHer Foundation, is advancing women's workforce participation through HerShakti, the Foundation's flagship upskilling initiative that enables women to start, restart or rise in their careers with clarity and confidence. Launched in 2018, the JobsForHer Foundation supports women's career journeys through skill development, professional training, and access to meaningful opportunities. HerShakti, backed by partners such as Infosys Springboard, Wipro, UiPath, and Broadridge, equips over 500 women per cohort with in-demand skills in AI/ML, Big Data, Cybersecurity, and more. The program combines expert-led sessions, selfpaced modules, mentorship, and certification, enabling women, especially from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, to return to the workforce with confidence and credibility. With strategic partnerships like the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission and the Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), the program continues to expand across India, serving as a bridge between aspiration and opportunity for

> Andy Kalambi Fuels First-Gen Leadership through Aspire Leaders India Foundation

GivingPi Member Andy Kalambi supports the work of Aspire Institute's national affiliate, Aspire Leaders India Foundation (ALIF), a fast-growing, high-impact platform dedicated to nurturing first-generation youth into confident, capable

women and the companies eager to hire them.

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Education Reform through Seekho Sikhao Foundation

GivingPi Members Anupama Dalmia and her daughter Sumana Dalmia are forging an inter-generational partnership for community-led change. At the helm of Seekho Sikhao Foundation, Anupama leads as Founder and Director, while Sumana serves as Project Manager, exemplifying how values, leadership, and vision can be passed down and evolved across generations. Their work spans two transformative initiatives, the Rural Youth Fellowship, a fellowship designed exclusively for rural youth, and Nav Bharat Uday, a digital learning program. The Fellowship equips young changemakers, deeply rooted in their communities, to work across schools and panchayats, strengthening governance and improving learning outcomes from within the system. Today, over 70% of graduates have gone on to launch grassroots efforts or join leading social impact organizations. With Nav Bharat Uday, the Foundation has distributed 501 Smart TVs with curated content to government schools across 13 districts in Uttar Pradesh bringing joyful, tech-enabled learning to classrooms. The initiative includes robust teacher training and community engagement to ensure meaningful, lasting gains. Together, Anupama and Sumana are building a bold model of education reform, one grounded in trust, shaped by

technology, and led by the communities it serves.



By Ami Misra and Prachi Pal | WINGS

<u>Patronage</u>

young people as climate champions.

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community.

Review

This opinion piece talks about how family philanthropy in India is evolving to invest not just in what is funded, but in how giving is enabled. It highlights a growing focus on philanthropy infrastructure from collaboratives and data systems to narrative change and capacity

building, as families work to build a stronger, more resilient giving ecosystem.

Development Philanthropy Must Be Partnership Not

By Karen Kardos & T. Alexander Puutio | Stanford Social Innovation

This article talks about how philanthropy must move from a model of patronage to one of

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